

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Extract from Gov. Packer's Message to the Legislature:

In this country, the want of a school which shall combine the elements of learning and agricultural labor, and thus adapt itself to the education of the farmer, has been most seriously felt; for, whilst our many colleges well fill the measure of usefulness in their appropriate sphere of influence, it must be conceded that the training they impart is badly adapted to the art of practical agriculture. In Pennsylvania that interest is so important as to demand at all times our anxious attention, and active support. "The Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania" lately projected and planned by a few public-spirited individuals, and which has received, to some extent, the patronage of the State, and the contributions of a number of our patriotic citizens, is destined to afford a place where young men may be educated at an expense commensurate with their means, and to a condition qualifying them for the pursuit of the business of the farm. Here, whilst daily occupation will train the body to the ability to labor, and give to the student the enviable feeling that he contributes to his own support and education, it will instruct and enlarge his mind, that it may give force and effect to all his future efforts.

The design of the institution is to afford a school where boys may be thoroughly educated in all the branches of natural science, and, at the same time, be inured to the performance of labor, so that their graduation they may return to their parents abundantly prepared to join the domestic circle, to give a right direction to the business of agriculture, and act well their part in every department of life. An object so fraught with usefulness is entitled to the highest commendation.

The application of scientific principles to the practical purposes of life, is but realizing the full benefit of those laws of nature, to discover and to profit by which, is undoubtedly one of the great ends of human reason. The more this important object is held in view, and effected by our higher institutions of learning, the more valuable and useful will they become. The Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, is founded on this basis, and its attempt to popularize science, and connect high reputation with practical ability, is presented to your favorable consideration.

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SINGULAR.—One of the editors of the *Hagerstown Torchlight*, who was recently on a visit to Baltimore, says, among other things, that in the Baltimore Alms House there is a woman spending the evening of her days who once filled a large but unenviable space in the public eye. We allude to Rachel Cunningham, who ensured the affections of four husbands, and in a short time effected separations from three of them and their wives; the fourth, a former sheriff of this county, sacrificed to her everything—fortune, honor, fame—and for her became a felon and died a felon's death. Under an assumed name she is now eking out a miserable existence in this institution, and probably making some atonement for her lamentable conquests over congenital honor and domestic peace in early life.

A NUT FOR THE SAVANS.—A Mr. Troubly has been sinking a well in the western outskirts of our village, in the progress of which the following astonishing fact appeared: At the depth of twenty-five feet the workers came upon frozen ground! Through this layer, some fifteen feet in thickness, they worked their way by dint of persevering efforts such as are always necessary in digging compactly frozen earth. At the depth of forty feet water was obtained, which mighty froze over, the ice forming some three inches in thickness. Will some one account, on any known or unknown principle of philosophy, for these astonishing facts? We learn that the freezing of the water continues now that the well is "stoned up."—*Brandon (Vt.) Visitor.*

ELOPEMENT.—In Springfield, Mass., a man by the name of F. M. Gowdy, a bartender at Jeff's Waverly House, eloped on Friday night with a widow Newell, a notorious bad character in that town—leaving his helpless family, consisting of a feeble wife and two sick girls, to take care of themselves. He took with him his family's only means of support, in the shape of \$700 in cash belonging to his wife, which he got out of the bank by preening his wife's bank book.

BAIL PAYING UP.—Henry A. Willard paid into the Marshal's hands at Washington, on Thursday week, \$1,015 of amount of forfeited bail for the appearance of John W. Wallcott, indicted for refusing to answer questions put to him by a Committee of the House of Representatives last session, concerning the bribery of Congressmen to vote for Free Wool.

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